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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated July 19, 2011, Examiner Hernandez stated the following:

Regarding claim 1, the main reasons for indication of allowable subject matter is because although the prior art of record teach different ways of indicating saliency signals that would be used to control the replay operation of the camera as well as other operations as presented in the claimed invention, the prior art of record fails to suggest, in combination of all the limitations of the present claim, that a plurality of saliency signals input using a plurality of operable controls by the user, are combined to create a composite signal that would be used by a replay circuitry to replay the pictures such that the pictures having composite saliency signal signals below a threshold are played back in an accelerated manner for accelerated viewing thereof. This is taking in consideration how the operation of obtaining the composite saliency signal is defined in ¶ 0032-0034 of the Specification in the present application.

Applicant agrees that the claims are allowable over the art of record. However, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's summary of ¶ 0032-0034 of the application. In addition, Applicant respectfully points out that the Examiner's summary of claim 1 diverges somewhat from the language of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims should be given their full literal scope and all equivalents according to the language of the allowed claims.

No fees are believed due with this submission. However, should the Office determine that a fee is due, please charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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